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1 currently maintains over forty thousand linear feet of  
2 permanent confidential records; and

3 WHEREAS, the original need for the confidentiality of many  
4 of the state's permanent public records may no longer exist;  
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6 WHEREAS, many of these records are of great value to  
7 social scientists, scholarly researchers, genealogists,  
8 teachers of history and students, yet they are not accessible  
9 to the public; and

10 WHEREAS, the state commission of public records is charged  
11 with the management of the state's public records and, in that  
12 role, advocates the preservation and protection of and access  
13 to the state's public records;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state commission of public records  
16 be requested to establish a multi-agency task force to study  
17 confidentiality and open access in the management of the  
18 state's permanent public records and to develop recommendations  
19 concerning any modifications thereto; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its  
21 progress and recommendations to the appropriate legislative  
22 interim committee appointed by the New Mexico legislative  
23 council no later than October 2003; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the state commission of public records, the

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1 office of the governor, the offices of the attorney general and  
2 other statewide elected officials and to the New Mexico  
3 legislative council.

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